

16. (Twice Amended) A reproduction method comprising the steps of:
reproducing data from a medium on which multi-frame data and data of a
number of frames comprising said multi-frame data are recorded, wherein said multi-frame
data is data for displaying a plurality of pictures in one image; and
processing said multi-frame data on the basis of the data of the number of
frames reproduced in said reproducing step;
wherein multi-frame data represents a multi-frame composed of plural
rectangular frames each being of a same size.
17. A method according to Claim 16, wherein the medium comprises a
magnetic disk.
18. A method according to Claim 16, wherein the multi-frame data
comprises compressed data.

REMARKS

The claims now pending in the application are Claims 13 to 18, the
independent claims being Claims 13 and 16.

In the Official Action dated May 10, 2002, Claims 13 to 18 were rejected
under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as by U.S. Patent No. 6,249,644 (Inoue). Reconsideration and
withdrawal of the rejection respectfully are requested in view of the following remarks.

Applicant submits that the Inoue '644 patent is not prior art against the
subject application. The Inoue '644 patent has a U.S. filing date of March 18, 1994, which

is subsequent to the U.S. filing date of the grandparent application of the subject application, i.e., Application No. 09/935,908, filed August 27, 1992. Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120, the Inoue '644 patent does not qualify as prior art against the subject application.

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action, and submits that the application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are solicited.

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